

# Chinese I Syllabus 一年级汉语课

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Welcome to the adventure of learning Mandarin Chinese!

### PURPOSE 目标:

This class introduces students to the basic features of Mandarin and the cultures of the Chinese speaking world. Students will learn to communicate at a basic level, introducing themselves and their immediate environment and interests, both in speaking and in writing. You will not only build a foundation for further Chinese studies, but you will also practice skills that will help you to grow as a learner in general.

This is a language that works quite differently from English, and seeing all of the characters and paying attention to tones when you speak can seem overwhelming at first, but once you get the hang of those basic differences, you'll find that learning Chinese becomes easier and easier as you progress.

### After successfully completing Chinese I, you will:

1. Understand  $\geq 200$  Chinese characters, type in Chinese, look up characters in a Chinese dictionary
2. Be able to read and write in pinyin and recognize and produce the 4 tones when you speak
3. Be able to communicate about basic information such as self-introductions, likes and dislikes, describing family, class schedules, colors, animals, and ordering Chinese food.
4. Recognize important cultural information (Chinese celebrities and historical figures, important historical events, kinds of Chinese cuisine, sing 2-3 Chinese songs, etc.)
5. Know about opportunities outside of this class to continue language studies or study abroad.

### THEMES 主体单元:

1. Self-introductions, and introduction to how Chinese works.
2. Ordering Chinese food
3. Describing family
4. Time and schedules
5. School supplies and shopping

### TEXTBOOK 课本:

欢迎 *Huanying* textbook and workbook, handouts, many online resources

At the end of the year, you must return the same textbook that is assigned to you in the fall. Be careful to keep track of your textbook because replacements will cost \$80. On days that you do not have homework in the textbook, you may leave it on the bookshelf in the Chinese room.

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### EXPECTATIONS 要求:

#### Students can expect the teacher to:

- be available for extra help
- review new material more than once
- answer your questions (to the best of her ability) at the appropriate time
- be prepared, on time, and excited to help you learn

#### Students are expected to:

- Come to class on time
- Come to class prepared (notebook, folder, pencil/pen, book, and homework in hand)
- Listen attentively and participate to the best of their ability
- Take risks; be unafraid to make mistakes
- Practice
- Support one another

#### Basics:

- No food, drink, or gum in class. Water is okay.
- No cell phones, iPods, or any other electronics without prior permission.

### GRADE COMPOSITION 成绩:

Area	%	Comment
作业 Homework	20%	Unfortunately, language learning does not happen instantaneously but requires a lot of practice. Plan to spend $\geq 20$ minutes practicing Chinese every evening.  Homework is only accepted at the beginning of class. If you completed your homework but lose points for mistakes, you have the option to correct the mistakes by the next day to earn full credit on the homework.
小考 Quizzes	25%	Most quizzes are either dictations (in which you write the Chinese characters that you hear) or spoken interviews (an interview with me in Chinese about a given topic). Presentations and special projects also count as quizzes.
考试 Tests	30%	Unit tests: Written tests cover grammar, listening, reading comprehension, writing, and culture sections.
参加 Participation	25%	This is based upon whether students contribute to our learning community. They should come prepared and on time, speak in Chinese rather than English as much as possible, listen to each other (do not interrupt a classmate who is speaking), and support one another in your learning.

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_